



April 18-20, 2023

Highlight Agenda

All times listed are Central U.S.

*All events occur at the KC Marriott Downtown**

Climate Smart Animal Agriculture

If there was an agricultural mantra in 2022, one could argue it was ***Climate Smart***. Individuals and organizations are keenly focused on expanding upon environmental stewardship gains achieved over the past 50+ years. These gains were achieved, while ensuring social responsibility and economic viability – the true mark of a sustainable system. Now, with never-before-seen funding flowing into the food and agriculture system it's time to define ***Climate Smart***. And, specifically, what does ***Climate Smart Animal Agriculture*** look like?

For more than 100 years, the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) has convened to explore our sector's most pressing questions and issues. The 2023 NIAA Annual Conference continues this practice as, together, we ***explore, discuss, learn, and develop knowledge that fosters interdisciplinary cooperation***. You won't want to miss your opportunity to engage in this conversation!

Conference Planning Team:

- Jared Wareham, ABS Global
- Dr. Kaitlyn Briggs, Dairy Management, Inc.
- Dr. Len Bull, NC State Univ. (retired)
- Linda Mills, TracelDeas
- Dr. Roger Saltman, RLS Management Solutions
- Ryan Goodman, Certified Angus Beef

Conference Objectives:

1. Attendees' exploration, discussion, and learning will be guided by NIAA's Councils:
 - a. Antibiotics Council
 - b. Animal Health Emergency Management Council
 - c. Animal Identification & Information Systems Council
 - d. Global Animal Health Emerging Disease Council
 - e. Sustainability Council
2. Panelists and speakers will be invited to "weave" Council work into their remarks/thoughts.
3. As directed by NIAA's Guiding Principles, keynote presentations and facilitated conversations will "lean in" on the tough issues.
4. Attendees won't "feel" grey clouds – give them practical tools and knowledge to apply
5. Attendees should have "eye-opening" experiences
6. Enhance comradery and networking of all proteins

Tuesday, April 18

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Research and Resource Fair set-up
3:15 – 4:45 PM	Registration Open
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Conversations and Cocktails with KC Animal Health Corridor – Awards Reception Hosted by: Norbrook, Inc.

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Opening Remarks & Welcome
8:15 AM	Opening Keynote – <i>What do consumers really think about sustainability in animal agriculture?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne-Marie Roerink, 210 Analytics
9:00 AM	Cohort One Presentation One – Sustainability
9:45 AM	Networking Break
10:15 AM	Climate Smart Ag Grant – Roundtable Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Lai, PhD, ABS Global – moderator Paul Hishmeh, Field to Market Amy Skoczlas Cole, Farm Journal (Trust in Food)
11:45 AM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Council meetings – <i>initially meeting jointly</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability Council Animal Identification & Information Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirsten Nickels, Certified Angus Beef
3:00 PM	Water ... Essential for Animal Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burke Griggs, Professor of Law, Washburn University Billy Gascoigne, Ducks Unlimited Pat O’Toole, Rancher
4:30 PM	Closing Keynote – Steve Swaffar, Noble Research Institute
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Introduction of Cohort Two ... Closing Remarks
Travel: 6:00 – 6:30 PM Event 6:30 – 9:30 PM	Conversations & Cocktails Hosted by: ABS Global, Diamond V, and Creekstone Farms <i>*off-site experience</i>

Thursday, April 20

Breakfast

7:00 AM

The Importance of the Working Ranch Horse

- Joe Leathers, 6666 Ranches

8:00 AM

Opening Remarks and Welcome

8:15 AM

Cohort One Presentation Two – Animal Identification & Information Systems

Council Meetings

9:00 AM

- **Global Animal Health Emerging & Disease and Animal Health Emergency Management**
 - Christy Hanthorn DVM, MS
 - Megan Niederwerder DVM, PhD
- **Antibiotics**
 - Michael Costin DVM
- **Equine Working Group – The sustainability of the working ranch horse**
 - Tyson Johnson, Sooner Cattle Company – Moderator
 - Turner Armitage, A Bar Ranch and AQHA Ranching Committee chair
 - Shawn Tiffany, Tiffany Cattle Co.
 - Jed Roark, O RO Ranch

10:45 AM

Cohort One Presentation Three – Antibiotics

Closing Power Talks – Collaboration amongst Species & Roundtables

11:00 AM

- Tim Kurt DVM, PhD, Dairy Management Inc.
- Ashley McDonald, National Pork Board
- Debbie Lyons-Blythe, U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef
- Amy Hendrickson, American Sheep Industry Association

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Lunch & Annual Meeting